

SUPPORT SB 313 and HB 1503

Community Solar Generation Facilities

Edwards (SB 313) and Toscano (HB 1503)

Reasons to support SB 313 and HB 1503:

- SB313 is very similar to SB311 but sets the size of a Community Solar generation facility at 2MW or less.
- Creates the opportunity for true Community Solar Generation in Virginia where residential homeowners or businesses can either own or lease solar panels for the purpose of providing clean renewable solar energy to their homes.
- In the 2017 General Assembly session a program called “Community Solar” was passed into law. This program allows for a 3rd party through a monopoly utility to sell solar generated electricity to customers. **SB313 is a different approach** where the subscribers own or lease the Community Solar Garden.
- Well before the mid-point of the 25 year life of the Community Solar Garden the panels will have paid for themselves. Starting before halfway through the system’s life the electricity will be free or at a greatly reduced rate to the subscriber.
- HB313 for Community Solar Generation requires at least 10 subscribers. Each subscription will be at least 0.5 kW and supply no more than 120 percent of the average annual load of each subscriber. Subscriptions will be transferable.
- Community Solar Generation facilities will have a life of 25 years and for that duration subscribers will receive a credit on their monthly utility bill relative to their subscription percentage. Excess credit will carry over to future billing periods.
- Community Solar Generation facilities subscriber organizations shall inform the utility which subscribers should be attributed particular percentages of the energy generated and the utility will purchase any unsubscribed for energy. The SCC will review the plan for purchasing the unsubscribed for energy and consider the cost savings to the utility for the purchase.
- Community Solar Generation facilities, subscriber organizations or subscribers are not public utilities and not subject to regulation by the SCC.



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